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January 15, 2004

Hon. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257 - - Carmel Telephone Services, Inc. Acquisition of <u>Certain Customers from RCN Telephone Services</u>, Inc.

Dear Secretary Dortch

This notification is provided to the Commission, pursuant to Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules, with respect to the proposed acquisition by Carmel Telephone Services, Inc. (CarmelTel) of a portion of the New York customer base of RCN Telephone Services, Inc. (RCN).

The information required by Section 64 1120(e)(1) is as follows:

- (i) The acquiring carrier is Carmel Telephone Services, Inc., 140 East Market Street, York, Pennsylvania 17401. The transferring carrier is RCN Telecom Services, Inc., 105 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.
- (ii) The customers to be transferred are currently facilities-based RCN local exchange and toll customers located in certain communities in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester Counties listed in Exhibit B (Communities of Interest) to this notification.
- (iii) The services to be transferred are local exchange services and intrastate, interstate and international toll services now provided by RCN to its facilities-based local exchange customers.
- (iv) The anticipated date of transfer of the subscriber base to CarmelTel is

 March 1, 2004

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CarmelTel hereby certifies it has, or will, comply with the requirement to provide advance subscriber notice in accordance with Section 64 1120(e)(3) of the Commission's rules, with the obligations specified in that notice, and with other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process.

Attached to this letter as Exhibit A-1 is a copy of the joint letter from RCN and CarmelTel which was sent to the affected customers on December 23, 2003

Attached as Exhibit A-2 to this letter is a copy of the second joint notice sent by RCN and CarmelTel to the affected subscribers on January 15, 2004.

Carmel Telephone Services, Inc. will do business under the trade name SusCom.

Sincerely,

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John Ramirez V P Data & Telephony Services

/Attachments





December 23, 2003



YOUR RCN TELEPHONE SERVICES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNICATIONS UNLESS YOU CHOOSE A NEW LOCAL AND/OR LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER BY FEBRUARY 1, 2004

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING EITHER YOUR LOCAL OR LONG DISTANCE SERVICE FROM A PROVIDER OTHER THAN RCN, THESE SERVICES WILL REMAIN UNAFFECTED

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that RCN Telecom Services, Inc. ("RCN") has entered into an agreement with Susquehanna Communications ("SusCom") to self its communications business in and around Carmel, New York—Beginning on or about March 1, 2004, SusCom will be providing the telecommunications services that are currently being provided to you by RCN—The following overview outlines how your services will be transitioned from RCN to SusCom—There will be no interruption to your current telecommunications services as a result of this transaction

While SusCom hopes that you will choose to remain with them following the transfer and for many years to come, you do have the right to select another carrier for your services consistent with the terms of your existing contract, if any if you decide that you would like SusCom to continue to provide you the same services you currently receive from RCN, you do not need to do anything. If, however, you do not want service from SusCom, your action is required! You must select a new long distance and/or local telephone provider as quickly as possible, but no later than February 1, 2004. If you no longer want any local or long distance service, please contact RCN to disconnect service. If you do not select an alternative carrier by February 1, 2004, SusCom will automatically become your telecommunications provider. If you select an alternative provider after February 1, 2004, however, your choice can only be put into effect after the change to SusCom and will therefore be delayed. You might also incur additional charges.

About SusCom

SusCom is a telecommunications company that uses its own state-of-the-art, facilities-based network to provide innovative communications solutions. SusCom's extensive telecommunications network enables it to bring new technology, greater benefits and faster service to its growing customer base.

Seamless Transition of Services

As your new service provider, SusCom will continue to provide you with the same telecommunications services you currently receive in accordance with the terms and conditions of your existing contract or effective tariffs on file with the New York Public Service Commission.

There will be no changes to your existing telephone number. Notice of future changes, if any, to those terms will be provided in accordance with your existing contracts and applicable law. Notice of this change in service providers has been filed with the Federal Communications. Commission and the New York Public Service Commission, and will be virtually transparent to you because SusCom will utilize the same facilities that currently serve your account.

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Please be assured that you will not incur any charges, including local telephone company carrier charges, related to the transfer of your telephone account to SusCom. However, any "treeze" that you may have placed on your existing telephone line to prevent unauthorized transfer to another local or long distance carrier will be over-ridden for purposes of this transaction, and will need to be reinstated by you after the transition to SusCom is complete.

Who to Contact With Questions

Any questions you may have regarding your current services can be addressed by calling the RCN customer service department toll-free at 1 866 220 7724 RCN also will be providing transitional customer support services for SusCom. Any service orders or complaints you may have prior to and during the transition should be addressed to RCN. In addition, please continue to pay your invoices to RCN in the normal timely manner until further notice.

ACM greatly values and appreciates your business and as a result has spent considerable time and suscommunications service provider to serve your needs. RCM and SusCom are jointly writing to you to announce this important transaction and to introduce you to anscend the provider of the provider.

RCM has considered it a privilege to be your telecommunications service provider, and we are confident that SusCom will be an excellent provider for your future needs. Thank you for your business, and on behalf of SusCom "Welcome!"

James Munchel President/COO Susquehanna Communications David McKee General Manager RCN of Carmel

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David McKee General Manager RCN of Carmel

James Munchel
President/COO
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Exhibit B
Communities of Interest

Franchise	County	Community Unit Identification Number
Town of Beekman	Dutchess	NY 1454
Village of Brewster	Putnam	NY 1222
Town of Carmel	Putnam	NY 1099
Town of Kent	Putnam	NY 1200
Town of Patterson	Putnam	NY1028
Town of Pawling	Dutchess	NY 1054
Village of Pawling	Dutchess	NY 1055
Town of Putnam Village	Putnam	NY 1453
Town of Somers	Westchester	NY 1182
Town of Southeast	Putnam	NY 1221